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FADRC FOI CASE NO. 620039

SUBJ: USS LIBERTY CLAIMS

REF: TEL AVIV 1187

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY APRIL 21 HANDED EMBASSY NOTE READING AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND REFERS TO EMBASSY'S NOTES NOS. 172 AND 173 OF 28 MARCH 1969 CONCERNING MEDICAL TREATMENT TO PERSONNEL OF THE USS LIBERTY AND DESTRUCTION OF THEIR PERSONAL PROPERTY, AS WELL AS TO THE 164 NOTES OF THE SAME DATE RELATING TO CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO WERE INJURED WHILE SERVING ABOARD THE USS LIBERTY.

QUOTE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, AND WITHOUT EXPRESSING HEREBY THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE GUIDED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE CALCULATION OF THE CLAIMS, THE MINISTRY HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD TO THE UNITED STATES TREASURY THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION, [illegible] AND SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED AND [illegible] SEVEN US DOLLARS IN FULL AND FINAL PAYMENT OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CLAIMS.

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QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE

2. MINISTRY STATED GOI MINISTRY OF FINANCE DESIRES TO MAKE TRANSFER OF FUNDS ON DIRECT BANK-TO-BANK BASIS AND DESIRES TO KNOW WHICH BANK TREASURY DESIRES TO RECEIVE FUNDS. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

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